**Single Detached Housing Online Application: Information Sessions**

Starting in the Spring, Single Detached House Permit applications can be made online. Join us at one of our information sessions to learn more about the online application process.

We will provide an overview and review how to:

- Apply for permit applications
- Features to support you having a complete application
- Make payments and payment options
- View the status of your application and what to expect for notifications
- Receive approved permit documents

All sessions will be held at the Edmonton Meeting Centre in Edmonton Tower.

**Wednesday, April 26 from 8:30am - 10:00am**

**Thursday, April 27 from 2:30pm - 4:00pm**

Register early as space is limited.

For more information, contact developmentservicesrelations@edmonton.ca.

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**Planning Academy- Spring Session- Register Now!**

From April - June 2017, the City of Edmonton will be offering an additional round of classroom style Planning Academy courses.

Choose from seven facilitated Planning Academy courses and attend facilitated sessions at our new Edmonton Tower building (3rd floor, 10111 104 Avenue NW).

What is Planning Academy?

The City of Edmonton’s Planning Academy offers a series of modules designed to provide a better understanding of the planning and development process in Edmonton.

The City developed Planning Academy to help Edmontonians:

- Better understand and participate in the planning process
- Better understand the roles, rights, and interests of all parties involved in the planning and development process
- Increase participation in planning and development matters within the City

To more information about the courses offered and to register visit, [edmonton.ca/planningacademy](http://edmonton.ca/planningacademy)

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**Solar Panel Installation**

The City is proposing changes to the Zoning Bylaw that would streamline the application process for solar panels, including development permit exemptions for installations on low density residential buildings. Council will consider these changes at the April 10th Public Hearing.

Contact Anne Stevenson (anne.stevenson@edmonton.ca) for more information.
Parking Reductions for Low Density Residential

On March 15, Urban Planning Committee supported the City’s proposal to reduce parking requirements for single detached, semi-detached and row housing from two parking spaces to one. These proposed changes will now move forward to Public Hearing, the next step in implementing these new requirements.

For more information on this and other parking requirement initiatives, visit edmonton.ca/offstreetparking

Roll Out the Partial F & F Perit for Semi- Detached and Row Housing

The ‘Partial F&F Permit’ initiative is being expanded to include semi-detached and row house buildings up to 4 units.

This permit will allow builders to commence excavation and foundation work for semi-detached and row house buildings once the corresponding Development Permit has been issued.

This process will be automated with the issuance of the Development Permit, hence there is no need to apply for a separate ‘Partial F&F Permit’.

A declaration form is to be accompanied with the application, which will advise the applicant as to the permissible zones and overall requirements when requesting a ‘Partial F&F Permit’.

Framing & Insulation/Vapour Barrier Inspection Requirement: “Blue Folder”

For all on-site Framing and Insulation/Vapour Barrier Inspections, the “Blue Folder” containing all City approved drawing submissions is required. The “Blue Folder” should be visible for the Inspector at the entrance of the project.

For more information, visit edmonton.ca/energycodes

Blower Door Test (BDT) submissions can be sent to: bprevisions@edmonton.ca. Please ensure the City file number and a descriptor is included in the subject line.

Parking for Religious Assemblies

At the March 20, 2017, Public Hearing, City Council approved a Zoning Bylaw Amendment to amend parking requirements for Religious Assemblies. The purpose of the change is to create a method of calculating parking which is more responsive to context and to the particular needs of different-sized facilities.

The primary change was to replace the former parking rate of “1 parking space per 4 seats” in Section 54.2, Schedule 1 of the Zoning Bylaw with a table which specifies different parking rates depending on the size of Religious Assembly and its location within the city. Highlights of the change:

1. There are five different locational categories. Location boundaries can be found in the Maps section of Edmonton’s Municipal Development Plan, The Way We Grow.
2. Religious Assemblies are now differentiated by size into two tiers: Minor and Major. Floor Area thresholds for Minor and Major Religious Assemblies differ depending on location.

3. The minimum parking rates for Major Religious Assemblies in all areas is to be determined based on a Parking Impact Assessment for the site. The Parking Impact Assessment is required to be completed by a Professional Engineer registered in Alberta. Recommendations of the Parking Impact Assessment are subject to the review and discretion of the Development Officer in consultation with Transportation Services.

If you are planning to submit a Development Permit application for a Major Religious Assembly, it is recommended that you schedule a Pre-Application Meeting with City staff to review your proposal. Be sure to identify the Parking Impact Assessment as a discussion item so Transportation Services can come prepared to discuss this requirement. Keep in mind that City staff will not be in a position to prescribe a specific parking rate for your proposal, as this is the role of the Parking Impact Assessment. However as with any Pre-Application Meeting, staff will be able to provide guidance regarding the review process itself and give feedback on some of the factors that may be considered during the review. You may also consider inviting the Engineer who will prepare your Parking Impact Assessment to attend the Pre-Application Meeting.

For more details on this amendment please see the report and related documents linked to Item 3.8 of the March 20, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes. Parking requirements can be found in Section 54.2, Schedule 1 and details regarding Parking Impact Assessments in Section 14.11 of the Zoning Bylaw.